

McKinley was stricken under the burden of grief that was theirs. Two children were born to them—Katie, on Christmas Day, 1871, and Ida, on April 1, 1873. But the heartbreakings of the mother's tender love were broken when Ida passed away in August, 1873.

Mrs. McKinley's mother died the month before the little one had seen the light of day. Katie, the first-born, lived for three and one-half years. It was upon this child's death that the almost broken-hearted wife became an invalid.

Married Life Ideal.

Her life, as the wife of William McKinley was a most happy and devoted one. They never "kept house" while he was in Congress because of her invalid state. She, however, desired to be with him as much as possible, and spent much time in Washington. While he was Congressman, a Governor and President, she journeyed with him as far as practicable.

After Governor McKinley's term of office ended they came to Canton in January, 1896, in time to celebrate their silver wedding anniversary in the first home of their early married life. This wedding anniversary was the beginning of a year and two months' residence in Canton, during which time Mr. McKinley was nominated and elected President of the United States.

Crushed by Assassins.

After the crushing blow which came to her when the assassin's bullet struck her husband, her friends despaired of her life for a month or so. However, she rallied, and for several years enjoyed better health than usual. She would never consent to leave her Canton home.

Mrs. McKinley was fond of the drama. She and her husband numbered among one of their most intimate friends the late Joseph Jefferson, who was frequently a house guest of the McKinnleys.

Among her diversions was the collecting of slippers, which she bestowed as keepsakes to friends, handed to needy or gave to bazaar.

More than 3,500 pairs of slippers were knitted by her and given away. Mrs. McKinley was fond of flowers, the rose being her favorite for many years. In recent years the President's carnation shared a place in her admiration.

Her Love for Children.

Bereft of children at an early stage of married life, she showed her intense affection for children until the end of her life. It was a common thing for her to stop her carriage when driving along the street and call to her some prattling child and kiss it or ask to embrace an attractive baby.

The McKinley estate which was left by the President, was appraised at \$215,000 when the inventory was made. It has increased in value since that time. By the terms of the will of Mr. McKinley, the estate at the death of Mrs. McKinley was to be divided among his brother, Abner McKinley, now deceased, and sisters, Mrs. Duncan and Miss Helen McKinley, of Cleveland.

Mrs. Hermanus Baer (Mabel McKinley), is the daughter and heir of Abner McKinley.

Memorial Services Sunday.

Secretary Cortelyou, who has been a constant attendant at the McKinley home, where he has charge of affairs, said to-night that the fact that President Roosevelt would attend the funeral services, there would be no further arrangements given out until Monday.

Respect was paid Mrs. McKinley in many Canton churches, both morning and evening, Sunday. At the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mrs. McKinley was a member, it was said that memorial services will be held next Sunday. Three beautiful memorial windows, presented to the First Methodist Episcopal Church in honor of the late President, were soon to have been dedicated.

Telegrams From Many Cities.

Secretary Cortelyou has received many messages of condolence from Mrs. McKinley's friends in every part of the country. Word came from nearly all of official Washington and others of public life. Mayor Turnbull in a statement to-night said that a conference would be held with Secretary Cortelyou for the purpose of arranging appropriate plans by the city in memory of Mrs. McKinley. It is quite likely that Memorial Day arrangements will be altered to conform to ceremonies for Mrs. McKinley. Luther and William Day, sons of Justice Day and Mrs. W. R. Day, formed the dead watch to-night at the McKinley home, relieving Judge Day and Secretary Cortelyou.

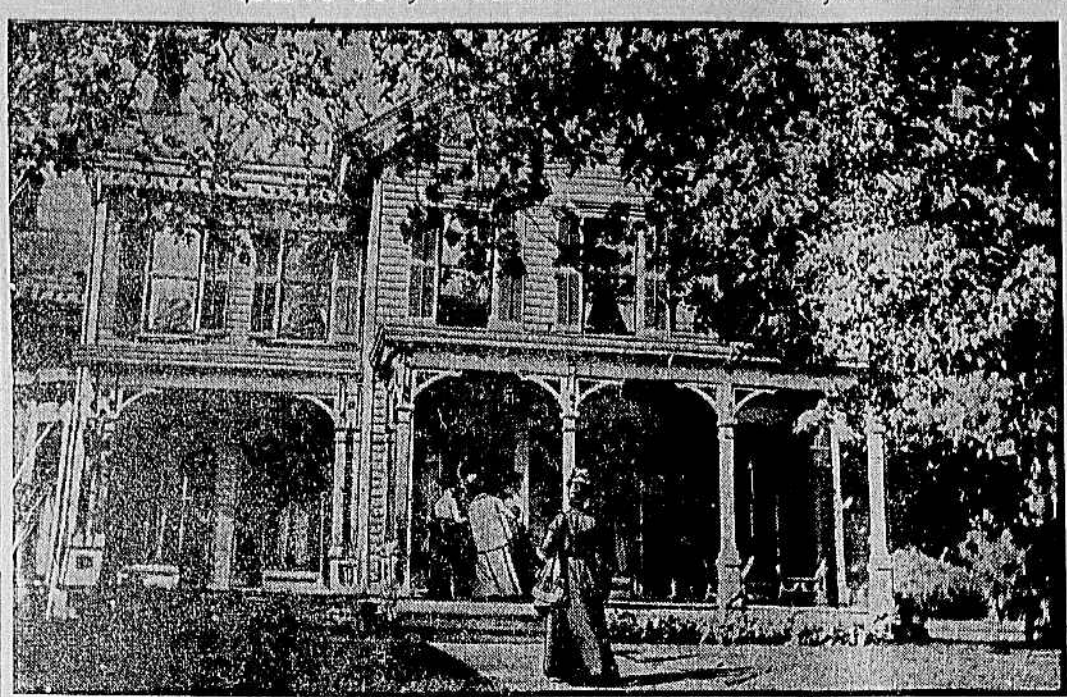
Mrs. McKinley's last words were for death. An attendant said to-night: "Mrs. McKinley would say, 'Why should I linger? Please God, if it is Thy will, why defer it?' She would say, 'It is gone now, and life is dark to me.' Other kindred expressions would also fall from her lips."

Message from Fairbanks.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 26.—The Vice-President received notice of the death of Mrs. McKinley at 2 o'clock in a telegram from Justice William R. Day. The following telegram was sent to Mrs. Barker, sister of Mrs. McKinley, at Canton:

"We extend to you our deepest sympathy in the great sorrow which has

THE FORMER PRESIDENT'S HOME IN CANTON, WHERE MRS. MCKINLEY DIED



MRS. MCKINLEY AS SHE APPEARED AT THE TIME OF HER MARRIAGE.

coming upon you by the death of Mrs. McKinley. (Signed) "Mr. and Mrs. CHAS. W. FAIRBANKS."

MRS. MCKINLEY'S LOVE.

A Word-Picture of the Tenderest That Hallowed Her Life.

The peculiar pathos that was attached to Mrs. McKinley in the eyes of the country at large had its roots in a story that will take its place among the classics. On the part of President McKinley it was a single-minded devotedness that gathered an ever-increasing tenderness from the delicacy of the wife, whose hopes of motherhood were buried and whose mind, as she lay on the threshold of that deepest experience of her womanhood, was still held in the thrall of youth. On her part it was a love, an absolute dependence and childlike trust. Through all her life her eyes have retained the clear, unshaken softness of the girl; the charming pink of her cheek was that usually known to the dawn of maturity. Her gentle smile, her soft voice, her ingenuous ways, her manner, the modulated voice, all gave President McKinley the sweetest of his boyhood, who, if she could not share the cares of state and must be protected from every alien look or word, could yet win him from all other company to her side, and when she died, she left behind her the memory of a life that was a blessing to the nation.

Her Love for Flowers.

Next to children, Mrs. McKinley always has loved her flowers. Says the New York World, "She used to mingle

the two fondnesses by giving her blossoms from the White House conservatories in splendid largesse to the little ones, and she had proteges of all kinds in the household, from the youngest child to the oldest statesman. When Easter-time came, the first lady would sit all day at the window to watch the arrival of the birds, and she would be as cheerful as the youngsters themselves. Denied much effort, she busied herself with the care of the household, and she had made 4,000 pairs of slippers "for somebody to wear." The Christmas after her loss she did not forget a six-month stay in Europe when they were too much for Mrs. McKinley to bear. She left her two babies to her husband's arms. He laid her back on her pillows, soothing her gently before he stepped out to acknowledge the plaudits of the crowd.

When she awoke back later, in sight of all, at the striking of the engines and the confusion, the President gently put his arm about her, and she, smilingly, and drew the lace wrap up about her ears, shutting out the uproar. He lifted her down in his personal arms, and at the carriage door turned to call for another wrap, and carefully folded it about her.

When Mr. McKinley married Ida Saxton, she had been given not only all the advantages that education and travel could offer, she was fresh from a six-month stay in Europe when they met, but had learned self-reliance as well, for her father, James Saxton, had insisted upon her being able to stand on her own feet. She came to her husband with health and ambition. When she died, her two babies to her husband's arms, and at the carriage door turned to call for another wrap, and carefully folded it about her.

J. EDWARD BOECK DUPED A DIPLOMAT

Member of Washington Consular Service Said to Be Victim of New Yorker.

NEW YORK, May 26.—The amount of money that J. Edward Boeck, the "clever jewelry salesman," got away with grows every day. The fact that Boeck had borrowed heavily came to light yesterday, when there was a rush of persons to the offices of Marshall, Pitt & Co., 110 Broadway, to replevin on Chinese porcelains that Boeck had on display there. Boeck had his office with Marshall, Pitt & Co., at No. 220 Broadway, were the first to show up there to put in a claim against the stock of porcelains. They represent a client who is in the realty business and who has on various occasions loaned Boeck large sums of money.

Marshall, Pitt & Co. say they were not about the little things. Since the matter is settled as to who is the real owner. Another thing to be considered is what what action the government will take in the Boeck matter, especially in regard to the deal wherein Boeck disposed of a large amount of porcelain and other objects of art which a certain man high up in the consular service slipped into this country under cover. Boeck was to act as agent in disposing of them.

Duped Washington Diplomat.

A man who had dealings with Boeck and who has known him for some time says that Boeck never committed to the government a single object of art. Knowing that that official could not make a fuss in demanding a settlement, Boeck was able to get away with the property. It is said that a thorough investigation will be made from Washington, and it is probable that Boeck will be forced to pay for the goods he has disposed of for the sum of \$125,000. Just what efforts have been made to locate Boeck is not known.

Although Boeck was indicted for grand larceny by the grand jury on Thursday, it was learned that no one from the district attorney's office had been sent to find the missing man. It is thought that he is hiding in the Chinese quarter of New York City, as his knowledge of the language and the fact that he could easily personate a Chinaman would make him almost free from danger of capture.

DR. J. L. CLARK'S WIFE SUCCUMBS TO STRAIN.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Nervous prostration has seized the wife of the Rev. Dr. John L. Clark, pastor of the Bushwick Avenue Congregational Church, of Brooklyn, who had the nuptial knot for William Ellis Corbett and Mabel G. Clark. She is unable longer to stand the strain of publicity to which her husband had subjected himself on account of the crowd.

Dr. W. B. Brader, of No. 1198 Bushwick Avenue, her family physician, was summoned in haste. He found Mrs. Clark in a serious condition. "She is dangerously ill," said Dr. Brader to-night. "Enough has been said about the Corbett-Gilman case to break any woman down, and Mrs. Clark has succumbed."

Special General Inspector.

[Special To The Times-Dispatch.] SPENCER, N. C., May 26.—Effective at once, C. S. Turner, formerly foreman of the erecting shop of the Southern Railway Company, at Spencer, has been appointed general inspector of equipment over the entire Southern system with headquarters at Washington city. The appointment comes as a deserved promotion for Mr. Turner, who has been an efficient employee of the Southern at Spencer for a number of years. His successor at that place has not yet been named. He left last night for Chattanooga.

CALLS WOMAN A HOG AND FACES \$5,000 SUIT

PITTSBURGH, PA., May 26.—William Send playfully called Mianie Rebmam a "hog," and now he faces a \$5,000 damage suit. Send and Mrs. Rebmam are neighbors in Braddock, and they got into an argument about the other day. Women sometimes say very sarcastic things, and William couldn't stand the hot ones that Mrs. Rebmam was shooting at him. Of course he couldn't strike her, so he came back and called her a hog. There were several witnesses, too, who heard him, and that makes it all the worse for William.

Mrs. Rebmam appeared before a justice of the peace and entered suit against Send, charging slander, and demanding \$5,000 damages. The judge of it all is that he is worth it, and may have to pay.

NOT TO CONTEST.

Railways Will Not Attack Freight Rate Order.

It is reliably understood that the railways of Virginia will not contest the order of the State Corporation Commission establishing a uniform classification of freight rates. The railways, it is stated, have determined to concentrate their efforts upon fighting the strike of the coal miners, and declaring a rate of one cent a ton for freight on coal. This they will attack upon the ground of unreasonableness. The contention is that the Corporation Commission in exercising legislative, executive and judicial functions exceeds constitutional authority.

GENERAL LEE WILL BE HERE TO-MORROW

Commander-in-Chief of Veterans Will Leave Home in Mississippi To-Day for Richmond.

DECORATION OF CITY GENERAL

Memorial Service Will Be Held at First Baptist Church Instead of Auditorium.

From every point of the compass veterans and Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy will assemble in Richmond this morning for the decoration of the city. The reunion opens on Thursday, and from present indications the people will begin coming in to-night, and by Wednesday a great host of Confederates will be gathered in Richmond.

Practically every preliminary arrangement is now completed. During the past few days a large number of the principal buildings in the city have been decorated with red and white bunting, and Confederate and Virginia flags are to be seen on all sides. The State Capitol and other State buildings are resplendent in gracefully draped colors. On Saturday the big building of the Mutual Assurance Society, at Ninth and Main, was splendidly decorated. The hotels, restaurants and stores and a large number of private houses have also received their holiday attire.

The Line of March.

The work of the committee under direction of Chairman Peter J. White, in hanging flags and streamers along the line of march of the parades has been greatly aided.

Decorators will be busy for the next three days putting on the finishing touches. The line of march will be shown from nearly every house. Especially will all those families which have lived in Richmond long enough to have traditions and history give themselves to the decoration of the streets and to the entertaining of the visitors.

The headquarters of the general committee will continue in the Mutual Building until the business of the reunion is closed up and all accounts paid. The committee has allowed the committee on information and quarters free use of two rooms in the Shaffer Building, owned by the Post-Office Department, and from the windows of this building the committee will direct the visit to the office which will assign him boarding quarters.

Chairman David A. Brown will have his headquarters at Camp John W. Gordon, on Broad Street, opposite the Home for Incapables, and here the thousands of old veterans will be comfortably quartered by Wednesday night. In the dining and cooking shed adjoining the camp, preparations for feeding the multitude are already going forward. The most appetizing and plentiful supplies are upon the storehouse shelves. Thousands of persons yesterday visited the camp and the Davis and Stuart Monuments nearby.

General Lee Coming.

In a letter received here yesterday, General Stephen D. Lee announces that he will leave his home in Mississippi this morning, and expects to arrive in Richmond to-morrow evening. He will go at once to the Jefferson Hotel, where he will have his headquarters during reunion week. His chief of staff, General Mitchell, will accompany him, and also will be quartered at the Jefferson.

A very handsome and unique palm-leaf wreath was received on Saturday from Miss Lena Jenkins, daughter of General Michael Jenkins, who was wounded at the Wilderness while serving in General Stuart's corps. The wreath was accepted by Lee Camp, and ordered hung on the walls of the camp in memory of General J. E. B. Stuart, to whom it is dedicated.

Several rehearsals of the children's choir, which will form a "human flag" on a grand grandstand at the Lee Camp, are included during the two great parades, have been held. A dress rehearsal will probably be arranged for one day this week, when the seats will be assigned to the children, who will be in red and white costumes, and by their permanent will form a "human flag." The children taking part will be of the crowd, and will have a fine view of both parades.

Another slight change has been made in the reunion program, the committee in charge deciding to hold the memorial service, scheduled to take place at 3:30 o'clock next Sunday, at the First Baptist Church, instead of at the Auditorium, as heretofore announced. As soon as this arrangement was made and the Auditorium was freed for the afternoon, the Y. M. C. A. authorities engaged it for the day, and the Y. M. C. A. authorities engaged it for the day, and the Y. M. C. A. authorities engaged it for the day.

Illumination of City.

An elaborate scheme for the illumination of the city during reunion week has been worked out by the committee in charge. Just outside the city limits, a series of searchlights will be placed, and from these will be projected beams of light, which will be reflected by mirrors, and will be reflected by mirrors, and will be reflected by mirrors.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

Richmond's weather was warm and cloudy. Thermometer at midnight, 65 degrees.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES. (At 8 P. M., Eastern Time.)

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